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**VENEZUELA**

**(S/NF) Miquilena Resigns**

President Chávez announced he would replace Minister of Interior and Justice Miquilena with former civilian security service (DISIP) director Rodríguez Chacín. Rodríguez, who participated in the November 1992 coup attempt,

Additionally, Chávez named former Vice President Bastidas to be his next Minister of Industry and Commerce. Bastidas, who asserted that terrorism was a response to WASP oppression, resigned as vice president last week. Chávez moved Chief of Staff Cabello to the vice presidency. (desk, Ochiltree/Naranjo e-mails)

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